

School Newsletter – 20th May 2024



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Attendance

Last week:	94%
Sep23-May24:	94.7%
Sep22-Apr23:	92.8%
Target:	96%

Dates

- West Exe visit Year 6 - **20TH May**
- **Year 2 Striking and Fielding - 22nd May**
- **Year 3 Roman Day - 23rd May**
- Whole School Reading Buddies - **24th May**
- **Half term - 27th-3rd June**
- **First day back for children - 4th June**
- **Multiplication Check Week - 4th June**
- **Year 4, 5 & 6 Weekly Swimming Begins - 7th June**
- Phonics Screening Check Week - **10th June**
- EYFS Transition 1 - **11th June**
- EYFS Transition 2 - **17th June**

Mr Jenkins' Message:

It's lovely to finally see some sunshine and with that comes sun safety. We encourage children to come in with a **sun hat** (name clearly written inside please!) and you can apply high factor **sun cream** before school. On another note, we are lucky to have so many **parents who are governors**. Recently, they have helped appoint a new class teacher (details to come!), monitor the SATs tests, conducted safeguarding and wellbeing visits. Lastly, we know sometimes you get to school after the gates close. If this is the case, please can you do a **handover in the main reception** so Office Staff can officially mark them in - thanks!

Years 4, 5 and 6 Swimming Lessons

From **Friday 7th June**, years 4, 5 and 6 will begin attending weekly swimming lessons at Riverside Leisure Centre. These will be taught by qualified swimming instructors. Please keep an eye out this week for a letter coming home.

Year 2 Striking & Fielding

On the morning of **Wednesday 22nd May**, year 2 will be attending a striking and fielding event at West Exe School. They will be accompanied by members of staff from St Thomas. As this is their PE day, they should wear PE kit as usual and bring in a snack and water bottle. They will be back in school for lunch.

Multiplication Check Week

For our **year 4 pupils**, their multiplication check week begins from **Tuesday 4th June**. Across this week, the children will take their multiplication check on the iPads. This is a government assessment which the children have been working hard towards all year. They have been utilising the practise check so they are familiar with the layout. Any final times tables practice over the half term will help give your child that last burst of confidence.

Year 3 Roman Day

On Thursday 23rd May, year 3 will be having a Roman day. We would love for you to send your child in dressed as either a Roman soldier or a Roman civilian (this could be as easy as a white sheet, red scarf draped over shoulder and a belt around the middle). They will be doing activities throughout the day. Please also send in any cardboard to make and paint their own Roman shield.

Half Term

Our half term runs from the **27th-31st June** and we have an **additional day on Monday 3rd June**. We look forward to seeing the children return on **Tuesday 4th June** for our final summer term.

Safeguarding - If you are worried about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please speak to a member of our safeguarding team. If outside of school hours, please refer to MASH and complete their online referral form. If you deem a child to be at immediate risk, please contact the police on 999.

